



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Note – April, 2016

Hello all!

Hope all that went had a great time in Dallas. I had a lovely time. Bought a few things and got to hang out with my favorite people. Beautiful quilts. It's the quilt show season. Hope you get out to see some of them.

Is anyone besides me disappointed in the weather? I spent National Quilting Day getting new veggie plants for the garden. Planted them yesterday afternoon and went out this morning, and they are frosted. I hope they live. Sigh

I also went fabric shopping. Never have too much fabric. Ha ha. Except I do. Needs to be in quilts. So I am putting them in groups that I like and looking for patterns. Can't have too many quilts either. Ha ha. Some are going to be bigger for fire victims, etc. They always cry when they get them. We all need something beautiful in our lives.

I am spring (if it ever decides to be spring) cleaning. I have some fabric that has now graduated to care quilt status. I have a nice pattern that will sew them up quick. It will make room for all the fabric I am buying. Need the room. Ha Ha. Maybe you could do the same. We always have need of care quilts. Almost any kind. So maybe you have some fabric or yarn that should be a care quilt. Get with Laura and Luci to see what is needed.

Don't forget the Books and a Blanket group. They are doing some great work. Contact Charles Gilbreath for information on where and when. Nice quilts coming out of this group.

I am going back to cleaning the sewing room, I am coming across fabric that I really want to use in a quilt. Everyone should try this. So much fun. Only cleaning that is fun in my opinion.

Peace and hugs,

Sue Idol

President, BBQG

April Board Meeting

The Board meeting will be on April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us if you want. Everyone is welcome.

BBQG Membership Report - March Member Meeting

We had 61 members and 3 visitors, including Elly Mouster from the Netherlands, Sharon Gilleland, and Thomas Kelly. We have a total of 160 members.

Welcome to new members: Paulette Mayes, Mary Jo McDonald and Janet Kirkpatrick.



Summer Retreat

The summer retreat is full, but we will be available at the March, April and May meetings to put you on the wait list or make a payment. Final payment is due at the May meeting.

Thanks,
Rowena R.

Area Quilt Shows

Until May 15, 2016 - CALL FOR ENTRIES; Primitive and folk-art quilts exhibit at the 2016 Fall International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. We are calling for the best of primitive quilts - featuring all techniques from hand-pieced and quilted to machine-done. Our Special Exhibit will showcase two categories: 1. Created from your own Original Design, and 2. Those created from a published pattern. It is our hope to spread awareness of primitive quilting, and give overdue recognition to the many gifted primitive artisans in the quilting world.
<primitivequiltsandprojectsenry.com>

April 1-2 - Georgetown Quilt and Stitchery Show, Community Center in San Gabriel Park, 445 E Morrow St, Georgetown, TX 78626; Admission \$6; Featuring: Silent Auction, Raffle Quilt, Tea Room, Scissor Sharpening, Vendors; <www.Handcraftsunlimited.com>; For information, Chris Miller <jbecmiller@verizon.net>

April 15-16 - Kingwood Area Quilt Guild Biannual Show, Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX; <www.kingwoodareaquiltguild.com>
Jeri Dudley (281) 374-8231 or <jsdudley@aol.com>

April 29-30 - Gun Barrel Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2016 "Majestic Stars;" The Cain Center, 915 S Palestine St, Athens, TX 75751; <www.gunbarrelquiltersguild.org/2016-quilt-show.html>

April 29-30 - St. Mary's Annual Quilt Show, St. Mary Catholic Church, 8227 County Road 205, Plantersville, TX 77363...this is north of 105;
<www.stmarysquiltshow.com>;
<stmarysquiltshow@gmail.com>

Note: They are looking for entries for display!

June 24-25 - Happy Hearts Quilt Guild presents MEMORIES OF HOME Quilt Show, Friday-Saturday; Fri. 9 am - 6 pm, Sat. 9 am - 4 pm. \$5 Admission. Featuring Vendors, Scissor & Blade Sharpening, Country Store, Stitch 'N Rip Cafe, Fabric Bingo, Demonstrations, Donation Quilt. Giddings High School, 2337 N. Main Street (Hwy 77N), Giddings, free parking. For more information, call Beverly Lee at (979) 542-3006,

2016 BBQG Meeting and Workshop Schedule

April 12th "Be Colourful" by Jacqueline de Jonge; BEAUTIFUL paper pieced quilts
April 13/14 & 15/16 Workshops are sponsored by Terry Skrabanek of Lonestar Quilts works

May 10th "Evolution of a Quilt" by Barb Gardner (EQ) specialist
May 11th Workshops 9-12 & 1-4

June 14th "Care Quilt Workshop" 9-5 with meeting at 7pm
July 12th "Why Did I Buy This Ugly Fabric" by Cynthia England
July 13th Workshop "Welcome" create picturesque wall quilt

Aug. 9th "Square in a Square" by Carol Daniel
Aug. 10th Workshop
Sept. 13th Mini Quilt Show

Oct. 11th "Appliqué" by Karen K. Buckley
Oct 12th Workshop
Nov. 8th "Modern Quilt Fabrics" by Nicole; Owner of "The Cloth Pocket" in Austin, TX

Dec. 13th Christmas Party



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We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with enjoyable family times! The weather was certainly wonderful on Friday and Saturday!

The lamb below was a kit **Kerry Dwyer's** sister purchased last year. Kerry completed it for her.



Bee News

Quilt 'n Peace has welcomed several new members this year and now averages nearly 12 people per week. The rooms at FBC College Station are filled with laughter and conversations. In spite of the fun, it is amazing how many care quilts we complete. Ten were turned in to BBQG in March. We thank **Connie H.** and her long arm machine for helping us with the quilting. Our Bee is working on showing 15 quilts at St Mary's Quilt Show the last of April.

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects. Several members attended the Dallas Quilt Show via the guild bus.

Our **Busy Bee** group has been working on individual projects, and two members are working on a Quilts of Valor project. With Spring Break coming up, we've got members traveling, babysitting and a few lucky ones will be quilting. All the members have been enjoying the guild's programs and workshops. Several made a barn quilt, and a few of us who don't have a Featherweight machine are shopping now!

Jane Riggs
Bee Keeper

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Right, **Kerry Dwyer** displayed a wreath project created during a LoneStar Quiltworks' workshop.



Left and right, **Charles Gilreath** displayed these two "Books and A Blanket" quilts created during Lone Star Quiltworks' workshop held from 10-2 on the second Tuesday of each month. **All materials are supplied** for those who attend these workshops.



Remember:

"Books and A Blanket Workshop"

LSQW

10-2

Second Tuesday of each month





Quilter's Hideaway Day Retreat

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Minutes for Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild

Tuesday, March 7, 2016

Welcome - The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by **Sue Idol** at the Brazos Center.

Minutes - **Kerry Dwyer** made a motion to approve the February minutes, **Donnice White** seconded, the minutes were approved.

Sunshine and Shadows - **Lynn Thurston** sent a card to **Julie Sabrsula**. **Bunny Douglas** had knee surgery, **Charlotte Simpson's** husband is in the hospital and will be having chemotherapy and her 101 year old mother passed away. **Sue Caperton** passed away and a suggestion to put her photo in the next newsletter was made. **Maggie McGuire's** grandson was born, and the adoption was final on March 4. **Judy Beskow** has a quilt entered in the Paducah Quilt Show.

Treasurer's Report - **Benita Ebel** reported there is \$17,239.74 in the checking account; \$16,808.19 in the savings account; total assets are \$34,047.93. A Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of the BBQG was distributed requesting a change from an annual audit and a professional review every three years to a semi-annual internal review due by July 31 and Jan 31 in order to put internal controls in place. Members will vote on the amendment in one month. **Linda Bridges** has volunteered to conduct the internal review in 2016 as she has for many years.

Brazos Center Window - **Debbie Brooks** needs quilts from four members for Mar-May, Jun-Aug, Sep-Nov and Dec-Feb. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Dallas Bus Trip - **Jeanne Rierson** reported that 40 people are going to the Mar. 12 Dallas Quilt Show on the bus that leaves from Wells Fargo Bank on Briarcrest Drive at 7 am and arrives in Dallas at 10 am and back home at 9 pm. She encouraged more to sign up. The bus will stop in Hearne to pick up passengers.

Habitat for Humanity - **Nancy Searcy** announced that **Mary Anne Durbin** will attend the house dedication on March 12 to present a Welcome wall hanging to the Habitat family in their new home.

Donation Quilt - **JoAnn Williams** scheduled Kitty Ard and members to display the donation quilt and sell tickets at the Antique Show, Caldwell Guild, and Washington on the Brazos, earning \$681 in sales. **Luci Smith** sold tickets with the quilt at the Go Texan event. **Maggie McGuire, Kitty Ard** and **Benita Ebel** will take the quilt to Temple on March 22.

Winter Retreat - **JoAnn Williams** and **Chris Deppe** showed log cabin pieced quilt tops made with strips at the retreat. Blocks for three more quilt tops are available for anyone who would like to piece them.

Membership - **Nadine Stuth** reported 61 members and three visitors, including **Elly Mouster** from the Netherlands, **Sharon Gilleland**, and **Thomas Kelly**. **Paulette Mayes, Mary Jo McDonald** and **Janet Kirkpatrick** joined as new members. We have a total of 160 members. **Honorary members need to submit membership forms.** A letter from **Susan Kelly** was read.

Door Prizes - **Sue Ryan** awarded winners, **Carol Willson** and **Carolyn Stigler**, with 5" squares, scissors, needles, rabbit bell, and labels in a decorative box.

Program - **Melody Nelson** introduced speaker, **David Werther**, an expert on "Featherweights" from Dallas. She passed around a sign-up sheet for next month's workshop by **Barb Garden** on Electric Quilt.

Show and Tell

Carol Laughlin - Fabric Collage

Fran Gray - Barn Quilt

Nadine Stuth - Barn Quilt

Charles Gilreath - Books and a Blanket Quilts

Kitty Ard - Pillow

Melody Nelson - Barn Quilt

Jane Goetz - Barn Quilt

Sharon Braunagel - Art

Kerry Dwyer - Barn Quilt/Wall Hanging/Wreath

Donnice White - Barn Quilt

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- Judy Beskow** – Lone Star and Kaffe
- Debbie Ginn** – Barn Quilt
- Diana DeFrancesco** – Hancock Quilt
- Sandra Smith** – Barn Quilt
- Quilt in Peace** – Care Quilts

Sue Idol adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Alma Fonseca,
Secretary



Above, **Judy Beskow's** Kaffe quilt

ALL photos in this newsletter were submitted by **Chris Deppe**. Thanks, Chris!!

Above, **Kitty Ard** with her flower pillow.

Right, **Sharon Braungel** created this art out of four patches, which she attached to foam board squares which were then attached to a backer board and framed.

